

With 25 years of experience, Capital City/Lake Murray Country can help plan your next classroom tour allowing you to show your students our region full of possibilities.

For your next field trip, introduce your elementary, middle schoolers or high school teens to educational experiences outside of the classroom. Give them firsthand experience of what you've taught in your classroom. Tours are offered to public, charter and home schools, scout and community groups. Following is more information about our student tour program:

- Tours must be scheduled in advance;
- Tours available Monday through Friday, except major holidays;
- Cost varies depending on tour selection;
- Teachers are free!

Contact Amanda Hildebrand, Sales and Group Manager, at (803) 781-5940, ext. 1, for more information or to schedule your classroom getaway!

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# SCHOOL TOURS & ACTIVITIES

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# Field Trip Suggestions

## in Capital City/Lake Murray Country



### Congaree National Park

The Congaree National Park Service offers hiking, primitive camping, bird watching, picnicking, canoeing and kayaking, Ranger guided interpretive walks, canoe tours, nature study, and environmental education programs. Phone: (803) 776-4396 Website: [www.nps.gov/cong/](http://www.nps.gov/cong/)

### Saluda Shoals Park

The Environmental Education Center at Saluda Shoals Park provides programs for all grade levels. The programs offered cover Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science. Programs are inquiry based and are developed to address or meet the South Carolina Education Science Standards. Phone: (803) 731-5208 Website: [www.icrc.net](http://www.icrc.net)



Bring your classrooms to life! There is a lot to see and do in Capital City/Lake Murray Country, the midlands of South Carolina. From Science to History, Social Studies to Literature, the Capital City/Lake Murray Country regional tourism office will create an educationally sound experience that will meet your every need. Take the perfect field trip that will connect your students to the sights and personal experiences that will enhance their curriculum.

### EdVenture Children's Museum

The nation's 9th largest children's museum is right here in Columbia! Designed for children 12 and younger, this high tech educational facility boasts 450 individual exhibits that help meet South Carolina's Educational Curriculum. Phone: (803) 779-3100 Website: [www.edventure.org](http://www.edventure.org)

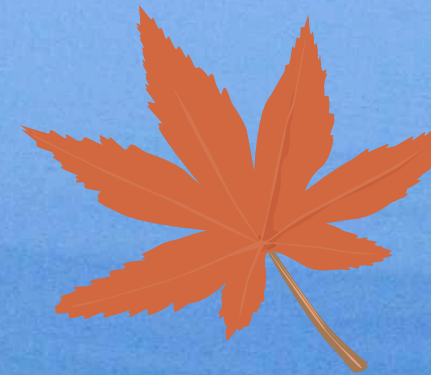


### Historic Columbia Foundation

Historic Columbia offers guided tours of four historic house museums and as well as walking and trolley tours throughout the City of Columbia. The tours have been developed for students in K-12 grade and fulfill the South Carolina State Education Standards. The Specialty Educational Tours offered are a Main Street Tour, an African American Heritage Sites Tour and a History Tour, examining the architectural styles that exist in Columbia. Phone: (803) 252-1770 x24 Website: [www.historiccolumbia.org/visit/programs.html](http://www.historiccolumbia.org/visit/programs.html)

### Nature Learning Company

The Nature Learning Company's purpose is to teach people about nature. The company offers nature related programming for schools, childcare centers and other organizations. The Nature Learning Company offers Science Explorers, a weekly program featuring outdoor safety, environmental education, nature crafts, nature journaling, storytelling and other learning activities. Phone: (803) 736-9662 Website: [www.naturelearning.com](http://www.naturelearning.com)



### Riverbanks Zoo & Garden

Learn more about the fantastic wildlife at Riverbanks! The Education Department offers a wide variety of programs for all ages and interests. The Zoo's Field Trip Planning Center offers a collection of activities, information and suggestions for making your trip to Riverbanks both exciting and educational. Visit the zoo's website or contact them directly to inquire about all of their educational tours. Riverbanks' offers tours for every age group. Phone: (803) 779-8717 x1113 Website: [www.riverbanks.org/education/](http://www.riverbanks.org/education/)



### Southern Patriot Curriculum Cruises

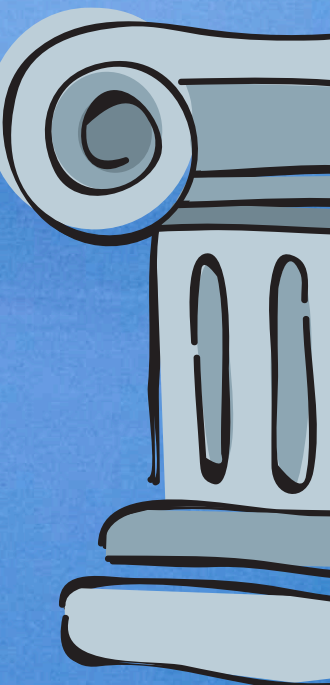
These cruises have been designed for children in 3rd grade through middle school. Lake Murray offers an opportunity to bring the classroom into a beautiful environment, which is surrounded with rich history and many learning opportunities. Phone: (803) 749-8594 Website: [www.lakemurraytours.com](http://www.lakemurraytours.com)

### South Carolina State House

Free tours are available at the South Carolina State House, the seat of South Carolina's legislative and executive branches of government. Tours are available: Monday-Friday 9-5pm; Saturday 10-5pm and the 1st Sunday of the month, 1-5pm. (The last tours of the building begin at 3:30pm.) Phone: (803) 734-2430 Website: [www.scstatehouse.net/studentpage/tour.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.net/studentpage/tour.htm)

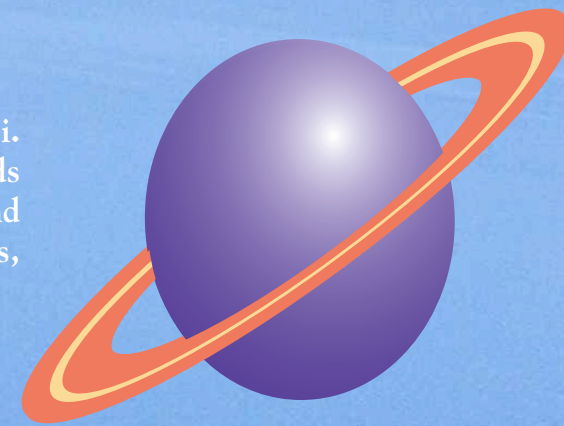
### SC Confederate Relic Room & Museum

The SC Confederate Relic Room & Museum offers a program called Teacher's Morning Out for Social Studies and History teachers. The purpose of the program is to teach you how you can incorporate museum resources in the classroom. Throughout the day you will hear guest speakers, take an in-depth tour of the museum and learn how other teachers have been able to use these resources in their classrooms. Phone: (803) 737-8097 Website: [www.state.sc.us/crr/teachers.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/crr/teachers.htm)



### Carter & Holmes Orchid Nursery

This is the 3rd largest orchid nursery East of the Mississippi. Tour the greenhouses and learn how to grow beautiful orchids and foliage plants. Orchid plants are produced from seed and by tissue culture in the modern laboratory. Orchids, houseplants and foliage plants are available for sale. Phone: (803) 276-0579 Website: [www.carterandholmes.com](http://www.carterandholmes.com)



### Challenger Learning Center

The Challenger Learning Center offers full space missions, tours, summer space camp, and teacher workshops. Using high-technology space flight simulators, individuals have the opportunity to experience space flight and hands-on experiments. While they're conducting simulated missions, they're also learning math, science, engineering, communications concepts, teamwork and problem solving skills. Phone: (803) 929-3951 Website: [www.thechallengercenter.com](http://www.thechallengercenter.com)



### Columbia Museum of Art

The Columbia Museum of Art will transport you and your students into a world of delight and discovery! Changing exhibitions on the first floor will provide context and variety to curriculum-based programs that feature objects from the permanent collection. The Columbia Museum of Art offers programs for K-12, home schoolers, and teachers. Contact the Museum Tour Coordinator to schedule a tour and communicate any special needs your group may have. Phone: (803) 343-2209 Website: [www.columbiamuseum.org/html/s07school.shtml](http://www.columbiamuseum.org/html/s07school.shtml)